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SUBJECT: AD-70 MEETING OF EWG

REF: USNATO 1470; USNATO 1493.

SUMMARY. EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP ON MARCH 29 CONTINUED ITS REVIEW OF AD-70 NATO DEFENSE PROGRAMS PREPARATORY TO DRAWING UP FINAL DRAFT CHAPTERS FOR INCLUSION IN REPORT TO DPC MINISTERS IN JUNE. REPORTS ON CIVIL PREPAREDNESS (AC/281- REPORT(73)9) AND PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING (AC/281- REPORT(73)10) WERE ON THE AGENDA. END SUMMARY.

1. EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP AGREED THAT CHAPTER ON CIVIL PREPAREDNESS SHOULD BE ORGANIZED TO ADDRESS THE TWO BASIC ISSUES SET FORTH IN PARA 15 OF DPC/D(72)19; I. E., THE STATE OF CIVIL PREPAREDNESS IN THE ALLIANCE, AND PROGRESS IN CIVIL SUPPORT TO MEET MILITARY NEEDS. THERE WAS ALSO GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT WHILE ACHIEVEMENTS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED, REPORT SHOULD BE BALANCED AND PRESENT DEFICIENCIES AS WELL. WE EXPECT REPORT TO HIGHLIGHT FACT THAT WHILE THERE HAS LONG EXISTED AN INABILITY TO ACHIEVE THE PROPER LEVEL OF CIVIL PREPAREDNESS, THE
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FINANCIAL EFFORT NECESSARY IS NOT LARGE; WHAT IS REQUIRED IS THE POLITICAL WILL OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONS TO IMPROVE

CIVIL PREPAREDNESS. NATO'S EFFORTS ALONE WITHOUT MATCHING NATIONAL EFFORT WILL MEAN LITTLE.

2. REPORT ON PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING (AC/281- REPORT(73)10)
WAS CHARACTERIZED BY ASST SECY GENERAL PANSA AS MODERATELY ENCOURAGING. EWG SUGGESTED THAT THE FINAL DRAFT CHAPTER SHOULD HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC SUPPORT OF NATO AND SINGLE OUT A NUMBER OF AREAS FOR ADDED EMPHASIS, E. G., INCREASED TELEVISION COVERAGE OF NATO ACTIVITIES; CONTINUING EFFORT TO ASSOCIATE IN THE PUBLIC MIND THE CONCEPTS OF DEFENSE, DETERRENCE AND DETENTE; THE PROBLEM OF REACHING ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST SENSITIVE OF ALL AUDIENCES - YOUTH; AND THE ROLE OF THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN PROMOTING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING.

3. EWG IS NOW SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS " FORCE CAPABILITIES ON A REGIONAL BASIS INCLUDING REINFORCEMENT OF THE FLANKS"
(AC/281- REPORT(73)1, 4 AND 6) ON TUESDAY, APRIL 3.
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